(b) As per information provided by the Food Corporation of India, the provisional stocks of rice and wheat in the Central Pool as on 1.4.93 are as under:—

	(Million Tonnes
Rice	9.9
Wheat	2.7

(c) and (d) No additional wheat beyond 29.90 lakh tonnes, which had been contracted during June-October, 1992, is proposed to be imported as of now, keeping in view the better production and procurement prospects in 1993-94.

Setting up of Sugar Factories

568. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of sugar factories to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the target of sugar production per annum in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) what would be the total sugar factories in cooperative sector to be set up and specially in Maharashtra; and

(d) what would be the share of backward regions of Maharahtra like Marathwada and Vidarbha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The number of sugar factories to be set up during the 8th Five Year Plan would depend upon the licences issued, the availability of funds from financial institutions, and the capacity of sugar plant & machinery suppliers etc.

(b) The Committee constituted to formulate the developfent programme for Sugar Industry had, in its Report, recommended the following targets of sugar production for different years of the present Eighth Five Year Plan period:

Year	Target of production (in lakh tonnes)
1992-93 . .	121.68
1993-94 . .	127-76
1994-95 . .	134.13
1995-96 . .	140.84
1996-97 . .	147.88

(c) and (d) The targets of licensed and installed capacity have been fixed for the country as a whole. No break-up, Sector-wise or State-wise, has been made so far.

Production of Sugar during the Eighth Five Year Plan

569. SHRI VIATHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what would be the target of sugar production in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what would be the domestic consumption and export quota during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Minister for Food has accepted to form three sugar zones in Maharashtra; and

(d) what is the period accepted for free sale of sugar for new sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The Committee constituted to formulate the development programme for sugar indus-